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except for [REDACTED] diverting received money out of the AMROS account into various other places.

In 1995 or 1996, [REDACTED] left [REDACTED] because she thought that there were scandals going on with [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] put at least eight companies out of business. [REDACTED] knows the name of the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] always set up his businesses under a corporate umbrella to protect himself from being personally liable. [REDACTED] believed that he did this with the intention of defrauding individuals and other companies. [REDACTED] has filed for corporate bankruptcy at least once.

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use while she was in the United States. The money was deposited into a HARRIS BANK account in which [REDACTED] was a co-signor. [REDACTED] again took the money to pay bills and never repaid the money. [REDACTED] hired an investigator from California in an effort to get the money back. [REDACTED] was uncertain whether she ever got the money back.

[REDACTED] maintained all of the financial records of AMROS LEASING. [REDACTED] would leave every night from the office with two large suitcases containing the financial records of AMROS LEASING. [REDACTED] said that he was working at home but [REDACTED] believed that [REDACTED] was hiding the records from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] because [REDACTED] was manipulating the records of AMROS LEASING. Funds from clients would initially go into the AMROS account but [REDACTED] would immediately transfer the funds to various other business accounts he maintained at HARRIS BANK. Those accounts were AMERICAN LEASING and AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL HOMES. Some of the money was also transferred to another account at the BANK OF ELGIN. [REDACTED] ran his businesses with at least fifteen different credit cards.

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In 1995 or 1996 AMROS LEASING had a contract with the Russian company STRUCTURA to sell SEARS CRAFTSMAN tools. In all, STRUCTURA sent about \$400,000.00 which was deposited into the AMROS account. [REDACTED] then immediately transferred the money around to his different business accounts. [REDACTED] never gave the \$380,000.00 that was due to SEARS and SEARS eventually wrote the debt off as uncollectible. The [REDACTED] of STRUCTURA who were involved with the contract were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] now lives in [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] looked through his AMROS LEASING records he had at his residence. [REDACTED] does not have any of the financial records pertaining to any of the Russian contracts. [REDACTED] may have the minutes of AMROS meetings and some other miscellaneous documents.

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[REDACTED] advised that the AMROS LEASING contracts themselves were drawn in accordance with leasing laws of the United States and Russia. The leases were 90% prepaid with the remaining 10% leased. The goods were leased to avoid a 50% Russian tax on purchased goods. Nothing was done underhanded

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[redacted] telephone number [redacted] was interviewed telephonically. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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In the fall of 1995 or 1996 [redacted] and the [redacted] of NORTHWEST COMMERCE BANK [redacted] in Murmansk, Russia, met with officers of REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK, 452 5th Avenue, New York, NY, 10018. [redacted] knew [redacted] personally and he asked [redacted] to act as an interpreter. [redacted] wanted to transfer one or two tons of gold from NORTHWEST COMMERCE BANK into an account at REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK. [redacted] also wanted to transfer the gold from the REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK account to another account in Las Vegas, NV.

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While in New York, [redacted] and [redacted] met with several officers of REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK. They met with [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] could not remember specific details about the gold transactions.

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During the same time [redacted] and [redacted] met the REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK officials in New York, [redacted] asked [redacted] to open a bank account to deposit approximately \$20,000.00 of [redacted] money. [redacted] needed the money for the duration of his stay in the United States. The money was deposited into an account at HARRIS BANK in Barrington, IL. [redacted] and business partner [redacted] were co-signors on the account. After the money was deposited, [redacted] spent the \$20,000.00 to pay bills and never repaid [redacted] called [redacted] several times asking for his money. [redacted] told [redacted] that [redacted] spent the money and he needed to call [redacted] to make arrangements for repayment. [redacted] never repaid [redacted]

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[redacted] also gave [redacted] approximately \$20,000.00 for deposit into a bank account. [redacted] was conducting business in the United States and the money was to be held in the bank account for her

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